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A Search for

5 Public Health Experience for Students & Residents

a Committee To consider observation & affiliation

1 - December, 1946 through June, 1947

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Minutes from 1946
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Miss Helen Wood, President
Greater Boston Nursing Council
261 Franklin Street
Boston, Massachusetts

December 5, 1946

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At this meeting of the Board, it was brought out that the State Board of Registration in Nursing requires ten (10) hours of public health teaching in schools of nursing. There are 30 schools of nursing in the Greater Boston area and a few visiting nurse associations other than Boston which are acceptable to the Approving Authority for this teaching. In addition, Simmons College School of Nursing and Boston University School of Nursing wish to use the Visiting Nurse Association of Boston for both graduate and undergraduate students.

The Board agreed that this presented a serious problem and that the Nursing Council should appoint a committee which would include representation from all of the interest involved to consider the questions raised by the Visiting Nurse Association of Boston and to make recommendations as to a plan for the teaching of public health nursing to students in the Greater Boston area. }

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The Visiting Nurse Association of Boston has become concerned with the increasing number of requests for field experience and observation in public health nursing, by the university and hospital schools of nursing in Boston. At present the agency is devoting more time than it can afford to the education of these students and has asked the Greater Boston Nursing Council to consider the following questions.

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In addition to the above questions, directors of schools of nursing should consider what they want their students to gain from experience with the Visiting Nurse Association.

At the Board of Directors Meeting of the Nursing Council, December 10, 1946, it was voted to appoint a committee to consider this problem. Miss Sally Johnson will be Chairman, and we would like to have you serve as a member of this committee.

The first meeting will be held Friday, January 10th at 4:00 p.m. at the Volunteer Service Bureau on 45 Bromfield Street, Boston.

I hope you will be able to attend.

Helen Wood, R.N.
President, Greater Boston Nursing Council

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reviewed + clarified.*



GREATER BOSTON VETERANS COUNCIL

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1. To hear the report of the Executive Committee.
2. To elect officers for the coming year.
3. To hear the report of the Finance Committee.
4. To hear the report of the Social Committee.
5. To hear the report of the Entertainment Committee.
6. To hear the report of the Publicity Committee.
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TO CONSIDER EXPERIENCE AND OBSERVATION
IN PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING FOR GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

Program Report (with some additions) Presented to the
Board of the Greater Boston Nursing Council
January 10, 1947

The first meeting of the Special Committee of the Greater Boston Nursing Council to Consider Experience and Observation in Public Health Nursing for graduate and undergraduate students, was held Friday January 10th at 4:00 p.m. at 45 Bromfield Street, Boston. Those present were Miss Lucile Gregerson, Mrs. Ogreaen from the New England Deaconess Hospital, Miss Marion Sullivan, Miss Townsend representing Miss Vesey at the Children's Hospital, Miss Elsa Storm, Miss Bowen from Boston University School of Nursing, Miss Ruth Sleeper, Miss Norma Larson, Miss Marjorie Stinson, Miss Ethel Brooks, Miss Hazel Wedgwood, Miss Elizabeth Howland, Miss Sophie Nelson, Mrs. Lloyd Brace, Miss Margaret Tracy, Mrs. Dorothy Hayward, and Miss Sally Johnson, chairman.

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ARTICLE IV

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Since that time there have been two requests to survey or approve affiliations with new agencies. Approved affiliations in the Greater Boston area are: Belmont Health Department, Brighton Ladies Charitable Association which dissolved on January 1, 1947, Visiting Nurse Association of Boston, Newton District Nursing Association, and the Waltham District Nursing Association. Miss Gregeron stated that the Approving Authority hopes the schools of nursing will enrich their curriculum by adding public health nursing, integrating it in the entire curriculum.

Miss Wedgwood, director of nursing of the Boston Health Department, stated that the Boston Health Department has many requests for observation from many types of students: nurses, medical students for the Well-Child Conferences, and students in the schools of public health. They have had Simmons College public health nursing students and recently have had students from Boston University. The Health Department has many requests for day observation. Miss Wedgwood read a letter from Miss Hilbert, from the New York City Health Department, stating that their problem was similar to Boston in that they had requests for observation and experience from many groups other than nursing students.

Miss Ruth Sleeper stated that for many years the National League of Nursing Education has been interested in public health nursing experience for students. The Joint Committee of the League and the National Organization for Public Health Nursing to Study the Social and Health aspects of Nursing has published a pamphlet on this subject. The League and National Organization for Public Health Nursing, feel that students should have experience in an agency, but also the students should be taught public health in the hospital from the beginning of their training. At present the Massachusetts General Hospital is not only interested in an opening for 12 students for a month's affiliation, but for every student to have a period of observation.

Miss Sophie Nelson, director of the Nursing Service at the John Hancock Life Insurance Company, commented as follows: She asked if we were trying to do something academically for which we have not facilities? If it is important to give something to the students on the health and social aspects, we must decide how much we can give, and prepare to do this. However we have obligations which we have taken on to train people for public health nursing and also obligations to the five-year students which raises two problems.

- (1) The degree to which several students should be given experience
- (2) The degree this should be given to those who specialize

Then Miss Nelson asked to what groups of students should preference be given. She stated that if we have arrived where we believe that every student have a period of observation as an essential concept to the care of the sick, then we should provide it. The next question concerned the priority which should probably be given the five-year student by virtue of her preparation. This might be an elective but she should definitely have more than the three-year student. The graduate, specializing in public health nursing, must have more opportunity for public health experience. The next point was that the same fields must be used for all, and that the head nurse and supervisor are also requesting an opportunity for public health experience in order to properly integrate the program for their students.

Miss Stimson, from the School of Nursing at Simmons College, stated that in Boston we can no longer give adequate preparation to the graduate students because of the lack of field placements. This is serious because there are so few well-prepared graduates available. Many graduates are taking first-level courses in public health nursing, in preparation for teaching in schools of nursing. This is very important to the whole program. At present, Simmons College, on the advice of the National Organization for Public Health Nursing, has been adapting their field work program to the facilities available, where students are not getting enough experience under supervision. They are advised to accept work in situations where the supervision will be good.

Miss Marion Sullivan, Director of Nurses for the Boston School Department, stated that at present, the School Department takes graduate nurses from Boston University. They not only visit with the nurses both in schools and in the homes, but also in the educational department. No undergraduate students are taken by the School Department but they continue to offer one month's course for those graduates who are interested in school nursing. Miss Sullivan stated that the School Department had changed its policy regarding students visiting in the homes with school nurses, since she became director. This change should make it possible for the graduate schools to have more affiliations. At present there is no educational director.

Miss Elsa Storm, Director of Nurses at the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital stated that more and more of her students were requesting a two-month affiliation, and she hopes she will not have to give this up.

Miss Eleanor Bowen reporting for Miss Martha Ruth Smith at Boston University asked (1) Can we do more home visiting through out-patient departments? (2) Since the Visiting Nurse Association says they cannot do as much as they want to do because of a reduced staff, how much more can be done with a normal staff? (3) How much more could the normal staff be expanded if the funds were available? (4) How feasible would it be to have universities pay for an educational director?

Mrs. Lloyd Brace, Vice-president of the Greater Boston Nursing Council, member of the Nursing School Committee at the Massachusetts General Hospital, and board member of the Visiting Nurse Association of Boston, said that the Visiting Nurse Association will probably not get back to the pre-war status. The Board feels that it would rather pay good salaries to a smaller staff rather than to enlarge the staff and pay them poorly. Miss Nelson stated that although staffs of voluntary agencies will probably be small for some time, we can look for an increased staff in official agencies.

Miss Bowen said that she felt voluntary agencies should be paid for training students and Miss Nelson replied that those agencies have some responsibility to education

Mrs. Brace asked if nurses in the one-nurse service could take students? Miss Brooks was emphatic in her statement that these nurses were not qualified. Miss Brooks also stated that the State Department of Health has a full time nurse teaching public health nursing in schools of nursing. She feels that the present curriculum set up by the Approving Authority is not adequate, and should be

revised. This same instructor helps with integration of public health nursing in the basic curricula of schools where she is teaching.

Miss Howland asked about the possibilities of developing other fields for public health nursing affiliations. She then stated that the Visiting Nurse Association of Boston is considering the following:

- (1) They would only accept students from Boston hospitals.
- (2) That eventually they would only consider those hospitals having a well-integrated program.
- (3) The two-month's affiliation would go to post-graduates and undergraduates in collegiate schools.
- (4) Observation and guidance would not exceed three days.
- (5) They would consider giving experience to post-graduate students who had no public health nursing. This would apply to groups like the Boston University supervisory group, and the pediatric courses.

Miss Nelson suggested working out steps with the Visiting Nurse Association of Boston, the Boston Health Department, and the Boston School Department regarding affiliation.

Miss Brooks stated that if transportation was available, graduate students could have experience in other parts of the state. To this Miss Stimson answered that for graduate students the Boston Visiting Nurse Association is the best experience because: (1) Experience is selected, (2) There is good supervision. (3) The agency is used to rating students, which is important to the educator.

Miss Nelson stated that some of the Greater Boston areas could be improved and made available for student affiliation. Where there are good schools of nursing and poor public health nursing agencies, the Greater Boston Nursing Council could stimulate improvement in these situations.

Miss Sleeper asked if the college graduate who enters a school of nursing for the three-year course, would have any priority for public health nursing experience?

Miss Brooks said that eventually state training centers would be a possibility for students, both undergraduates and graduates

Mrs. Brace asked Miss Stimson if she would present a plan to the Visiting Nurse Association of Boston stating exactly what she wanted for Simmons students. It was then decided that the chair appoint a committee representing the schools of nursing to find out exactly what the schools want for students from the Visiting Nurse Association with the understanding that as soon as this committee reports, the three large public health nursing agencies in Boston will review the report and determine how close they can come to meeting the demands. Also it was decided that the chair ask the Survey Committee of the Greater Boston Nursing Council of which Miss Sophie Nelson is chairman, to assume the responsibility for stimulating improvement in those agencies in the Greater Boston area, which at present do not meet the standards required to give student experience

Miss Sleeper also suggested that at some later date a committee be formed to consider a patient-referral plan.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Mrs. Dorothy Hayward, R.N.
Secretary

revised. This was important when the first of the two meetings were held in the early months of 1940.

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SUB-COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER

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January 17, 1947

On Friday January 17th at 4:00 p.m. there was a meeting in Miss Sleeper's office at the Massachusetts General Hospital, of the sub-committee of the Special Committee to Study Preparation for Public Health. This sub-committee has been asked to consider what the student experience should be in public health. There were present, Miss Bond, Miss Bowen, Miss Larson, Miss Schrader, Miss Sleeper, Miss Stimson, Miss Storm, Miss Vesey, and Miss Johnson presiding.

In opening the meeting, Miss Johnson summarized the minutes of the meeting on Wednesday January 16th, when the committee first met to consider the questions from the Boston Visiting Nurse Association in relation to their responsibility for student training in public health nursing. The object of this sub-committee is to determine what the schools of nursing desire for their students in the way of clinical experience in public health organizations.

The Massachusetts General Hospital would have about 155 students a year. Miss Johnson reported that at the meeting on the 16th, the suggestion was made that follow-up service for patients might be set up in the hospital outpatient department. Miss Bond stated that such a service is apt to be carried on from the viewpoint of one patient, without considering him as a member of the family, and taking into consideration all the home situations. She felt it is important that students recognize problems affecting the patient other than the specific disease, and that she learn how to contact other community agencies which will help in the situation. Such a well-rounded visiting nurse service would be difficult for a hospital to establish indefinitely.

Miss Johnson said Miss Bowen had raised the question whether it would be feasible for universities to pay for educational directors in the public health agencies, and whether the schools of nursing should pay for this service. Miss Bowen reported that Boston University pays \$40 for three weeks, per student. Miss Bowen also reported that members of the staff of the United States Public Health are coming into this area for two weeks beginning February 10th. Miss Smith has requested a conference in regard to teaching of public health to students, and Miss Bowen stated that they would be very glad to have representatives of the Nursing Council, and members of this particular committee at the conference.

Each representative from the schools present was then asked what she would like for her students. Several expressed the hope for two weeks observation for students in their third year, and in some instances would like to extend this period to a month or two months for unusual students. Others were willing to have one week's observation.

Miss Larson stated that in her opinion she felt that it was important that the schools of nursing have a well-integrated course leading up to observation in public health for each student, and that all students be assigned for the same length of time. She felt that it is a mistake to give longer periods to some students.

NEW ENGLAND DEACONESSES: Miss Schrader reported that since September 1946, her students have had four weeks experience with the Boston City Health Department, and there are an average of 65 students a year having such observation. She would like to continue to have four weeks, if possible.

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL: Miss Vessey stated there are about 40 students a year at Children's Hospital. She would like two months observation for every student.

PETER BENT BRIGHAM: Miss Storm reported there are about 40 students a year at the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital. She would like a short period of observation for every student, and for some seniors to have two months.

MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL HOSPITAL: Miss Sleeper would like:
 1. Two months observation for five-year students.
 2. Two weeks period observation for all student nurses.
 3. In the three-year course there are occasionally college students for whom she would like to be able to arrange two months.
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BOSTON UNIVERSITY: Miss Bowen reported that by 1950, there would be 24 senior students for two months observation. Also, in the course for head nurses and supervisors, there is a maximum number the Visiting Nurse Association will take. Twenty-five are accepted for three-week periods, and fifteen to eighteen nurses taking orthopedic courses for one week, and in pediatrics three weeks on half time.

Next September Boston University has arranged a period of obstetrics observation with the Boston Lying-In Hospital.

STIMONS COLLEGE SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING: Miss Stinson reported that students in their public health nursing course number from 85-100. She would like to have three months experience for these students and special supervisory experience for supervisors. There are about 20 five-year students per year, and she would like about two months' observation for these students.

CONCLUSIONS: The committee agreed on the following principles:

1. That five-year students should receive two months with the Visiting Nurse Association.
2. There should be an observation period of one week (Tuesday through Friday) for all three-year students. Students should receive a well-structured course during their three years of training in social and health aspects, prior to receiving their agency field work.
3. In order that the students receive the greatest benefit from this field experience, supervisors and head nurses should have a period of observation with the Visiting Nurse Association.

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4. It was pointed out that the Nursing Council has responsibility to see that all training schools in the area have an opportunity to avail themselves of any policies outlined.
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Presented to the Board -

~~MEETING OF JANUARY 10, 1947~~

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Sub-committee
Observation
Mrs. Hayward
Feb. 6 1947

SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER
AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING OBSERVATION AND AFFIL-
IATION IN PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING, FOR UNDERGRADUATES AND GRADUATES

February 6, 1947

A meeting of the Sub-Committee of the Committee to Consider and make recommendations regarding Observation and Affiliation in Public Health Nursing for Undergraduates and Graduates was held at 45 Bromfield Street on February 6, 1947 at 4:00 p.m. Those present were: Miss Bond, Miss Bowen, Mrs. Hayward, Miss Howland, Miss Sleeper, Miss Stimson, Miss Storm, Miss Sullivan, Miss Tracy, Miss Vesey, Miss Wedgwood, and Miss Johnson, chairman.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, and it was

VOTED: To accept the minutes with one addition. Item No. 5 in the Conclusions to be changed from "It was also agreed that the Boston Visiting Nurse Association's first responsibility was to the schools with which it was already affiliated" to read, "It was also agreed that the Boston Visiting Nurse Association's first responsibility for the immediate future, was to the schools with which it was already affiliated."

MISS JOHNSON stated that she was concerned, since this is a committee of the Greater Boston Nursing Council with the fact that at present consideration is only being given to a certain number of schools of nursing (these already having a plan worked out with the Visiting Nurse Association) and suggested that the committee bear in mind its responsibility to the Greater Boston area.

MISS HOWLAND stated that the Visiting Nurse Association has decided that they will take students from Boston Schools of Nursing only. With the present staff they can give 250-300 days observation a year for undergraduate students and head nurses and supervisors. The maximum number of two months affiliations possible with the present staff will be 125-150 per year. (these two figures do not include the special post-graduate students from Boston University having 1-3 weeks.) The Visiting Nurse Association would like to reduce the length of this affiliation.

MISS SULLIVAN of the Nursing Division of the Boston School Department stated that at present she has about 40 nurses in her staff who would be qualified to take students. She felt that possibly the School Department could take 25 students a day and that those would be under 100 days of the school year when this could be done as May is reserved for nurses wishing to take the special course given to nurses preparing to work for the School Department--and another part of the available time is allotted to Boston University post-graduate students.

MISS WEDGWOOD Director of Nursing Service for the Boston Health Department said that at present they have about all of the students they can manage.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE
TO THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR
FOR THE YEAR 1907

Washington, D. C., December 31, 1907.

A meeting of the Sub-Committee of the Commission on Land and Water Conservation, consisting of Messrs. C. D. Walcott, Chairman, and Messrs. J. B. Henshaw, J. W. Powell, and J. S. Goff, was held at the Department of the Interior, on December 10, 1907. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the report of the Sub-Committee on the subject of the conservation of the public lands, and to consider the recommendations of the Sub-Committee.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, and it was

RESOLVED, That the report of the Sub-Committee on the subject of the conservation of the public lands, be referred to the Commission on Land and Water Conservation, for their consideration and report. It was also agreed that the Commission on Land and Water Conservation should be kept advised of the progress of the work of the Sub-Committee, and that the Commission should be kept advised of the progress of the work of the Commission on Land and Water Conservation.

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Each month they have 10 Simmons Public Health Nursing students for one month's affiliation, and 5 undergraduates a month from the New England Deaconess Hospital. There are 2 students a week from the Massachusetts General Hospital for observation. Miss Wedgwood asked if the undergraduate students profited by this and Miss Sleeper said that from their experience at the Massachusetts General Hospital, they do not get a great deal. Miss Wedgwood felt, too, that in one day, the student could not get an idea of the Health Department program. It was pointed out that in order to get the most from a day's observation, the course in the Home School should prepare the student to understand the agency program. Miss Wedgwood also pointed out that the Boston Health Department, as a city agency, has a definite responsibility to other city agencies such as the Boston City Hospital and the Boston Sanatorium.

In discussing the ultimate value of a one or two day observation (which would probably have to be split) Miss Sleeper stated that she would prefer to send a student two days to one agency rather than one day each to two agencies. Miss Stimson was of the opinion that a group of interested staff nurses, used to handling students, can do a lot in interpreting the agency program in one day.

Miss Howland then stated that she felt the next step was for the schools of nursing to decide exactly what they want, bearing in mind what the Boston Visiting Nurse Association can do for them. Miss Sleeper said she felt she would have to accept one day for all students if that is the best that can be done. Miss Stimson stated that in one year the 36 undergraduate students having two months affiliation, would probably be withdrawn, which would make more time available.

Miss Wedgwood said she felt there should be a clearing house for all students or some plan where they could be allocated from one central place.

It was decided that Miss Sullivan and Miss Wedgwood give an exact statement of the amount of time they can give to students, then a plan can be worked out by the Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Dorothy Hayward, R.N.
Secretary

B.V.H.C.
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REQUESTS FROM SCHOOLS OF NURSING
PUBLIC HEALTH AFFILIATES AND OBSERVATION

1947
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Child. obs 352.

SCHOOLS OF NURSING
OBSERVATION FOR HEAD NURSES AND SUPERVISORS

	Head nurses	Supervisors	Instructors
Massachusetts General	40-43	15	0
Peter Bent Brigham	12	0	0
Childrens'	20	8	4
	75	23	4

Health Departments in Boston, Boston, and Brookline
School Departments in Boston, Malden, and Brookline
Child hygiene and other clinics--Brookline Friendly,
Boston Children's Hospital.

102
B.O. 116

THREE YEAR STUDENTS - FOR OBSERVATION ONLY THREE DAYS TO ONE WEEK

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N. E. Deaconess	64 students annually
	236 - undergraduate students annually from four schools

236

Brief Ind. - 45
S.C. 25. 1st year.
D.E.H.W.C. 25
Mass. Memorial 50

UNDERGRADUATE AFFILIATES - TWO MONTHS

Simmons College	36 students annually	(Childrens' 12
		(Peter Bent Brigham 12
		(Mass. General 12

St. Elizabeth: 75 - limit.

36

COLLEGIATE PROGRAM STUDENTS - TWO MONTHS AFFILIATION

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Simmons College Seniors (5 year)	25 students annually
	61

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Boston University wants to continue three weeks period of directed observation (120 hours) for graduate students preparing to teach
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GRADUATE STUDENTS - TWO MONTHS AFFILIATION

Simmons College	52 students annually
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SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS

Boston University	Pediatric and Orthopedic programs	Advanced psychiatric Nursing
	32 students annually	Advanced maternity nursing
		32 students annually

64

COLLEGE GRADUATES * (THREE YEAR COURSE)

Peter Bent Brigham	Number not given
Childrens'	Number not given
Massachusetts General	5-6 students annually
N. E. Deaconess	Number not given

Summary
Graduate - 3 days - 102
.. B.V. 3 wks 14
Stds: 3 yrs. course 236
2 mths. 352
Grad. S.C. 52
.. B.V. 7 116
Stds: 5 yrs. 61
3 yrs. 36
course (3)-6 103

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Grand Total: 352 obs.
219 2 mths.

No allowance B.C.
1 day obs. for S.C. 5 yrs.

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Peter Bent Brigham - 14
Children's - 14
Mass. General - 23
N. E. Desconness - 61
Total - 166

Grand Total: 322
219 2 months
105 3 months

Continued 15 minutes
for the present
Nov. 12, 1920

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 4. 2 - Industries, as Simplex Wire and Cable
 5. 2 - Rural public health agencies in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Maine.
4. Observation - number of days allotted to give school for 3 year students and graduate nurses - staff of Public Health.

Summary of Requests: B.V.; L.C.; C.H.; P.B.; M.S.W.

Agencies:

B.V.N.C. →

Maximum of 150 - 2 weeks periods

300 days for independent + staff of agency

Boston School - future
for present - which body
initially will review in.

School Department

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City Department

State Department

Probably provide experience when having earlier schooling

Rec. of Survey Committee that the agencies be urged to meet request for field experience.

To Schools:

Effort to integrate health & social aspects of nursing with medical - graduate course. Afforded of Public Health course.

Handling of requests for application - field experience - explained by -

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AccomplishedIntroduction -

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Conference with Miss Connor - at B.V.

What field experience might be - for whom

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2. 2 - for members of 5 year program
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Note: Reference made to all of Miss Howland's original questions
at last week.

Questions -

I. Next responsibilities of this committee.

1. To other Boston schools - (greater Boston not question)
 Carney - St. Mary's - Mass. Ave. which presumably by
 Lily - B. Fund - Henry W.C. St. George Miss Howard.
 Baptist - Diaconus - P. B. C. H. Yarmouth -
 M. S. H. (St. B. D.) (John Baptist School)
 B. C. and Boston
 (Mrs. Heywood: nothing heard from minutes & Elsie Chap.)

II. What thinking put out recommendations - for & where.

~~III. Miss Jones at Mrs. Heywood -~~

IV. Questions of Miss Howard referred to Council.
 How far beyond Council give benefit of
 thinking to B. C. N. & - and schools
 already there - How far beyond that
 group has responsibility of Council
 at being -

Agenda

Sec: report meeting or meetings.

discussions -

report from Miss Sullivan - Wedgewood.

Report B.V. Conference.

Report to Board
February 11th 1947
Mrs. Tracy
Report of Board Meeting 1947
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GREATER BOSTON NURSING COUNCIL
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

February 11, 1947

There was a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Greater Boston Nursing Council on Tuesday, February 11, 1947, at 3:00 p.m. at the Volunteer Service Bureau, 45 Bromfield Street, Boston. There were present: Mrs. Fraser, Mrs. Hayward, Dr. Houser, Miss Knox, Dr. Kinsey, Miss Nelson, Miss Shepard, Miss Tracy, Mrs. Weiss, and Mrs. Brace, presiding.

VOTED: To omit the reading of the minutes, as they have already been circulated to all members.

REPORT OF THE NURSE CONSULTANT: Mrs. Hayward reported that she had been asked to serve as a member of the committee working on Job Descriptions for a public health staff nurse, and also for a nutritionist for the Job Content Study being done by Mr. Royal Parkinson. She was asked also to serve on a committee of the Boston Health League to work on the co-ordination of health education activities in Boston. She has resigned as chairman of the Economic Security Committee of the Massachusetts State Nurses Association and accepted the chairmanship of the Public Relations Committee. She was asked to meet with a special committee of the Symmes-Arlington Hospital Board of Trustees and the Superintendent of the Hospital, and a faculty member to discuss current nursing problems, and how to get more students for the school. Since the last meeting of the Board, she has completed the field work in connection with the survey of nursing services in Waltham. She has given three talks: at the Presentation High School in Newton, at the Capping Ceremony at Simmons College, and a radio talk on WBZ-- under the auspices of the State Department of Education.

ANNUAL MEETING: The Executive Committee agreed that plans for the Annual Meeting should be made, that the Women's Republican Club seems to be a convenient place, and a luncheon meeting the most satisfactory arrangement.

VOTED: That the chair appoint a small committee to arrange the Annual Meeting.

Mrs. Brace appointed Mrs. Fraser, Mrs. Hayward, and Miss Tracy

SWAMPSCOTT VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION AND FAMILY WELFARE ASSOCIATION: A letter was read from the Board of this association requesting a conference with the Nurse Consultant in regard to nursing problems of the agency. On a motion duly made and seconded it was

VOTED: Since this town is outside of the Greater Boston area, the agency should request consultation from the Massachusetts State Department of Health or N. O. P. H. N. and that Miss Sophie Nelson, chairman of the Study Committee should answer the letter.

SOMERVILLE: A letter was read from the Somerville Community Council, stating it is presently reviewing with its member agencies the recommendations contained

in the Eligibility Study of 1942, and requests that Mrs. Hayward review the section pertaining to the Somerville Visiting Nurse Association. Since it is the accepted practice of the Council to review former studies upon request, no action was taken.

PEDIATRIC STUDY: In Conjunction with the American Academy of Pediatrics the Greater Boston Community Council has a committee for the Care of Sick Children, on which Miss Dorothy Carter represented public health nursing. Since Miss Carter has resigned, and left Boston, the committee requests a new appointment. It was

VOTED: To seek Miss Howland's advice as to the new member.

BOARD MEMBERS CONCLAVE: Mrs. Soma Weiss reported that the Round Table on Nursing will present "Crucial Problems in present-day Nursing" for discussion. The speakers will be Miss Ruth Sleeper, Director School of Nursing Massachusetts General Hospital, Miss Sophie Nelson, Director Public Health Nursing Services John Hancock Life Insurance Company, and Mrs. Charles A Newhall President of Household Nursing Association. Mrs. Soma Weiss will preside.

STUDY COMMITTEE: Miss Sophie Nelson, chairman, reported that the survey of nursing service has been completed in Waltham, and that the committee recommended the admission of the Waltham Visiting Nurse Association to membership in the Greater Boston Community Fund since in their opinion this agency renders excellent service. Miss Nelson further pointed out that the Nursing Council makes surveys because:

1. An agency is applying for admission to the Greater Boston Community Fund as in the case of Waltham
2. An agency requests consultation as did Weston in December.
3. A review of the survey and its recommendations as Somerville is now doing.

Two difficulties seem to be arising as a result of this method. In recommending that an agency be admitted to the Greater Boston Community Fund, questions will be raised in regard to budgeting. It is inevitable that strengthening services and raising standards in the majority of instances will call for increased budgets. In giving this consultation, there has been some difficulty in regard to the relationship of our services to the State Department of Public Health. Miss Brooks, director of Public Health Nursing at the State Department of Public Health is a member of the Study Committee, and helps formulate all recommendations affecting public health nursing in this area so that our work is cleared with the State Department of Health.

Miss Nelson reported that the question has been raised as to the necessity and advisability of the review of the entire health and social structure in the Greater Boston area. A committee composed of three representatives of the Fund and three from the Community Council has made a report stressing the necessity for making some provision to bring about the accomplishment of recommendations which would be made in such a study. She further pointed out that such a study would review what is being done by the public agencies as well

as agencies supported by the Fund. The third recommendation is that all material which has been gathered by the divisions of the Community Council and Research Bureau should be made available to the staff undertaking this study and should be taken into consideration in making final recommendations. It was also recommended that there should be a large citizen group sponsoring the study not connected with any agency public or private, so their thinking will not be subjective.. This report has been accepted by both the Fund and the Council, and the citizens committee of 100 is now being organized. The letter signed by Mr. Guild as chairman of the Fund, and Mr. Vorenburg president of the Council, has been sent to all member agencies.

MISS JOHNSON'S REPORT: Miss Sally Johnson as chairman of the Committee appointed to Consider Experience and Observation in Public Health Nursing for Graduate and Undergraduate Students made the following progress report: There was one meeting of the whole committee on which is represented the Approving Authority, directors of the schools of nursing, and voluntary and tax health agencies. This group agreed on the following points.

1. That the experience of the Boston Visiting Nurse Association should be available only to the Boston Schools of nursing.
2. That the Association's first responsibility is to the schools with which it is already affiliated.
3. That eventually the affiliations with this Association should be available only to those schools which have a curriculum well integrated with social and health aspects of nursing.
4. That the two-month affiliation, in the main, should be reserved for graduate nurses specializing in public health and undergraduate students in the five-year program.
5. That observation and guidance periods could not exceed three days. (Later suggested that a total number of days for observation might be assigned to each school allowing that school some latitude in dividing that number among the students.)
6. That consideration should be given to experience for certain graduate nurses who are not majoring in public health nursing, for example, those in the supervisory and pediatric group at Boston University.

Following this was a meeting of the principals of the schools of nursing, and a member of the staff of the Boston Visiting Nurse Association to discuss how many students should be given observation and training. At a third meeting with the representatives of the official agencies discussed what they might do for students. Since it is obvious that there is more demand for experience and observation than can be given in Boston, this Special Committee recommended to the Board of the Greater Boston Nursing Council that the Board request the Survey Committee to assume responsibility for stimulating a larger number of public health nursing agencies to meet the requirements for public health nursing affiliations.

Miss Johnson regretted nothing more conclusive could be reported at this time.

VOTED: That the Board accepts this progress report and expresses its appre-

ciation for the progress which has already been made in regard to experience and observation for students in public health, and agrees herewith to the recommendation that the Survey Committee assume responsibility for stimulating a larger number of public health nursing agencies to meet the requirements for public health nursing affiliations.

MISS NELSON COMMENTS ON MISS JOHNSON'S REPORT: Miss Nelson stated that she felt that the Nursing Council through the Survey Committee could be very helpful in stimulating further opportunities for students in public health agencies, in any agency having three or more nurses. She pointed out that if we encourage communities to reorganize services to meet acceptable standards, it means expenditure of a good deal more money. It was agreed, however, the Visiting Nurse Associations should render good service and in order to do so, they should offer the opportunity for experience and training in public health nursing.

Margaret H. Tracy
Executive Secretary

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SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE GREATER BOSTON NURSING
COUNCIL TO CONSIDER EXPERIENCE AND OBSERVATION IN PUBLIC
HEALTH NURSING FOR GRADUATES AND UNDERGRADUATES

February 28, 1947

A meeting of the Special Committee of the Greater Boston Nursing Council to Consider Experience and Observation in Public Health Nursing for Graduate and Undergraduate Students was held at 3:30 p.m. February 28th, 1947 at 45 Bromfield Street, Boston. Those present were the Misses Sullivan, Larson, Vesey, Barry (representing Miss Brooks) Howland, Sleeper, Storm, Stimson, Mrs. Hayward, and Miss Sally Johnson presiding.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as circulated.

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT: Miss Sullivan, Director of School Nurses, reported that the Board of Superintendents of the Boston School Department had given her division permission to take undergraduate students for observation with school nurses. In the past it has not been the policy of the department to take any observers into the homes, but the Board of Superintendents has voted that they would be willing to have each observer make one home visit with a school nurse in addition to observation of the program in the schools. Miss Sullivan stated that for two days a month, six months of the year, they can take 25 students a day. The months would be October, December, January, February, April, and May. The school department will be willing to offer this observation provided it is offered to all 16 schools of nursing in Boston.

MISS JOHNSON'S REPORT: Miss Johnson reported briefly as follows what had been accomplished to date by the committee.

1. What field experience might be:
 - a. Two months for graduate nurses specializing in public health nursing
 - b. Two months for students in the five-year program.
 - c. Two months for certain well-prepared exceptional college graduates in the three-year program.
 - d. Observation (whatever number of days is allotted) for three-year students and graduate nurses on staffs of hospital schools.
2. Agencies prepared to take students:
 - a. Visiting nurse association of Boston, maximum of 150 for two month period, 300 days observation for undergraduates and staffs of schools of nursing.
 - b. Boston School Department, 300 days of observation for undergraduates and staffs.
 - c. Boston Health Department
Amount of time not decided upon.
 - d. State Department of Health
Will provide experience when training centers are established.
 - e. Survey Committee of the Greater Boston Nursing Council to urge sub-standard agencies to be prepared to take students.

3. Schools of nursing should make serious effort to integrate the health and social aspects of nursing in the curriculum and public health nurses should be appointed to the staffs charged with responsibility for this integration.
4. When granting requests for affiliations, agencies might be influenced by such factors as: the preparation of students, the length of time the affiliation has been established, and the size of the enrollment in schools of nursing.
5. Miss Howland's original questions to the Greater Boston Nursing Council had possible answers with the exception of the costs.

Again the question was asked, namely what is the next responsibility of this committee. Miss Howland stated that she believed there should be a standing committee, through which students could be cleared and allocated to the public health nursing agencies. She believed that the students could be allocated once a year, but that the committee might have to meet frequently as problems arise.

CONFERENCE AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY: Miss Howland reported on the conference at Boston University which was attended by representatives from the N.O.P.H.N. the U.S.P.H.S., the Children's Bureau, Yale and Simmons Schools of Public Health Nursing, directors of nursing bureaus in the six New England States, and others interested in public health nursing. Boston University has funds from the Kellogg Foundation to advance public health nursing in this area and the question was raised as to whether or not Simmons College was meeting the need in New England for public health nursing preparation, and whether or not Boston University should expand. The State Department of Health, directors of Nursing Bureaus stated the situation in their own states, and it was brought out that New England was very low in the number of prepared public health nurses--and Massachusetts particularly.

In the discussion about priority for student affiliation, it was decided that priorities should be as follows:

1. Students in five-year collegiate programs.
2. Post graduate students in public health nursing.
3. Advanced clinical students (graduates) in teacher training, head nurse, and supervisor courses. Also graduates in specialized programs.
4. Undergraduates for observation.

It was felt that college graduates in a three-year course should have the same that the student in a five-year course has. The feeling was that the hospitals should take much more responsibility towards integration. There was some discussion about the post-graduate one year students having one year internship in an agency instead of the present plan for field work.

Miss Howland pointed out that the committee of the N.O.P.H.N. and the N.L.N.E. felt they may have gone too far in definitely recommending observation for every student and that they felt in view of the present situation we would have to be a little more realistic and utilize agencies--both large and one-nurse services--which do not meet standards but have good nurses and could provide experience for students.

The value of one day's observation was questioned. It was pointed out, also, that up to the present, private agencies have assumed most of the responsibility for students and that public agencies should be prepared to do more. Transportation problems etc. could be overcome.

It was further pointed out, that the State Department of health training centers would not be the best place to train students, but should be used for training their own personnel.

The opinion of the group assembled at Boston University was that each state should have one integrator who would work out the problems between the schools and agencies and that this person should be entirely impartial.

It was also brought out that the group in Conference at Boston University felt that students going into public health nursing should have a course in communicable diseases, psychiatry, and tuberculosis nursing. They also felt that the hospital should assume responsibility for giving the student through case conference a picture of the community resources and working relationships.

BOSTON'S PROBLEMS: In commenting on the Conference at Boston University, and suggestions about priority for students, Miss Sleeper pointed out that the great majority of students are still in our three-year schools. There are only 77 truly university students, and about 180 that have some form of affiliation. In the Boston area there are very few five-year students as compared with the number of three-year students. In working out our own immediate problem in Boston, Miss Howland stated that she believed the first thing to do was to work out a plan such as was suggested at Boston University whereby one person would be responsible for placing all students. Miss Sleeper suggested that a meeting be called of the directors of all the schools of nursing in Boston and the public health nursing directors concerned. This group is to be a large committee to discuss what has been done and to plan the procedure which would be carried out by a small executive committee to be appointed by the Greater Boston Nursing Council. It was decided by those present that this be done and also that we might start this spring to experiment with student observations.

It was suggested that augmented committee meet Thursday March 13, 1947 at 3:30 p.m. at 45 Bromfield Street.

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Dorothy Hayward, R.N.
Secretary

March 13, 1947

Miss Elizabeth Howland, Director
Boston Visiting Nurse Association
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Boston, Massachusetts

My dear Miss Howland:

I am sorry that neither you nor we had a warning that you were going to be asked to report on February 28 at the Nursing Council Committee Meeting on the recent Conference that our School sponsored relative to public health nursing education needs in New England. I hope you were able to carry something that was pertinent from our Conference which would be helpful to the Special Committee of the Greater Boston Nursing Council to Consider Experience and Observation in Public Health Nursing for Graduates and Undergraduates in areas lying within their territory.

However, since copies of the minutes of the Nursing Council meeting that have been circulated to all members include certain data about the Conference which are taken out of the context of the meetings and discussions, I am concerned lest the Conference group that were here assembled find themselves committed to having arrived at certain "decisions" which the stenographic report of the meetings does not set forth and were not appropriate. I wonder if there is anything that you and I might do that would set the record straight about this public health nursing education conference?

In the Nursing Council Special Committee report the nature, purposes and personnel of the Conference were indicated but were not exact. The Conference was exploratory and informal and the outcomes relate to what next steps should be taken in New England for those who can appropriately contribute to public health nursing education needs in New England. In issuing the invitation of the Conference the following appears, "In developing new programs to better serve nursing education needs in New England, Boston University School of Nursing is sponsoring a regional conference to determine more definitely what the needs are in relation to public health nursing education. The members of the Conference group will be New England state public health nursing directors, federal health agency regional consultants, regional public health nursing course directors and representatives of the agencies accepting students from these courses for field work practice."

Invitations were issued to these foregoing members only because there is the primary concern with the discussions to be held. One additional person was invited who had no connection with any of the fore-

Miss Elizabeth Howland, Director

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going agencies or institutions. That person was Miss Sophie Nelson. I, myself, invited her informally and by word of mouth over the telephone because I personally wished to have her here.

The information relative to the nature of present public health nursing education programs offered through Yale University, University of Connecticut and Simmons College, together with the possible future developments at the Harvard School of Public Health as learned from a conference which Miss Connor, Miss Stimson, and myself had with a representative of the Harvard School, were reviewed. Also considered were additional resources needed for development in New England in public health nursing education, appropriate conditions under which these might be developed and the problems involved in developing the resources.

The presentation of needs for public health nursing personnel both as to quantity and quality was made by each public health nursing director from the New England states.

Since no votes were taken nor formal recommendations made, it would seem unfair for the Conference group to be recorded as having "decided" anything either about "priorities" or the use of State Department health training centers in preparing of public health nursing personnel. Also since there was no one that was authorized to represent the N.O. P. H.N. or the N. L. N.E. in discussion it would seem unwise to indicate that any of the contributions to discussion ~~it would seem unwise to indicate that~~ ~~any of it~~ stated the positions of these organizations officially. In addition the statement included in the Special Committee report relative to our funds from the Kellogg Foundation is inexact.

Sincerely yours,

Martha Ruth Smith
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MEETING OF AUGMENTED COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER AFFILIATION
AND OBSERVATION FOR GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS
IN PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING

March 13, 1947

A meeting of the augmented committee to Consider Affiliation and Observation for Graduate and Undergraduate students in Public Health Nursing was held on Thursday, March 13, 1947 at 45 Bromfield Street. Those present were:

Miss Ethel Brooks-State Dept. of Health	Miss Henrietta Landau-U.S. Public Health
Miss Minnie Cohen-V. N. A. of Boston	Miss Norma Larson-Mass. General
Miss Ruth Farisey- N. E. Baptist	Sister Margaret- Carney Hospital
Mrs. Margaret Fessenden-N.E. Hosp. for Women and Children	Sister Maurastella-St. Elizabeth's
Miss Florence Flores-Mass. Memorial	Sister Miriam-St. Elizabeth's
Miss Margaret Giffin-N.E. Hosp. for Women and Children	Miss Sophie Nelson-Dohn Hancock Life
Miss Lucile Gregerson-Approving Authority for Schools of Nursing	Miss Catherine Norris-Beth Israel
Miss Elizabeth Gould- N. E. Baptist	Miss Nellie Pekrul-N. E. Baptist
Miss Elizabeth Howland-V.N.A. of Boston	Miss Blanche Randall-Mass. Memorial
Mrs. Dorothy Hayward, Nursing Council	Miss Ruth Sleeper-Massachusetts General
Sister Josephine-Carney	Miss Marjorie Stimson-Simmons College
Miss Cecilia Knox-Boston City	School of Public Health Nursing
	Miss Elsa Storm-Peter Bent Brigham
	Miss Marion Sullivan-School Committee
	Miss Margaret H. Tracy-Nursing Council
	Miss Hazel Wedgwood-Health Department

Miss Sally Johnson, Chairman

Miss Johnson opened the meeting with a brief resume of what the original committee has accomplished to date. The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as circulated.* The representatives of the schools of nursing not represented on this Special Committee were asked to state what they wanted for their students in public health nursing.

MISS NORRIS, BETH ISRAEL stated that they do not hope for an affiliation, but would like an observation period for all students; at present they have $\frac{1}{2}$ day with the Boston Visiting Nurse Association. They hope to have a public health nurse in the O.P.D. They have recently finished integrating a course in home nursing in the public health course. This course is called Family Health Nursing and is 25 hours. MISS COHEN, BOSTON VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION who teaches the public health course at the Beth Israel Hospital feels that the students get a great deal out of $\frac{1}{2}$ day observation as long as this is correlated with the family health nursing course. They will need at least this $\frac{1}{2}$ day observation for 45 students a year.

MISS PEKRUL, NEW ENGLAND BAPTIST stated that they also have had a nurse from the Boston Visiting Nurse Association give their public health course. This is 30 hours. At present they have no affiliation but would like to have one available, at least as an elective for the students in their five-year course two years from now. They also plan to have a public health nurse on the staff very soon.

SISTER MARGARET, CARNEY HOSPITAL stated at present they had no affiliation but the public health course is taught. They plan to have a public health nurse on the staff and want to arrange a program of visiting in the homes through their own O.P.D. The Carney Hospital has had this service to homes in South Boston for some time.

MISS FLORES, MASSACHUSETTS MEMORIAL HOSPITALS said that they now have a public health nurse in the O.P.D. and they will want at least one day observation for 50 students a year, possibly more as the school grows. Miss Blanche Randall is the public health nurse.

MISS KNOX, BOSTON CITY HOSPITAL said that they have a public health nurse in view but that they are not sure how much can be done in their O.P.D. They would like two or three month affiliation for about 75 students a year.

MISS GIFFIN, N. E. HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN said that at the present they have no affiliation or observation for their students but they have a public health nurse, Miss Margaret Fessenden, in the O.P.D. who will teach public health nursing. At present, they will have 25 students a year for an observation period.

SISTER MIRIAM, ST. ELIZABETH'S HOSPITAL said that they have just obtained a public health nurse for the O.P.D. and at present she is working out a program. Sister Miriam would like at least one month's affiliation for her students. This could be an elective. She thinks they would have about 75 students a year for this.

MISS STIMSON, SIMMONS COLLEGE SCHOOL OF NURSING stated that in addition to what had already been planned for the five-year students, they would like some observation for these students in the pre-clinic period. A public health nurse will be available to teach these students this summer, and they would like $\frac{1}{2}$ day observation with the Health Department and the visiting nurse association. This would be for 25 students. Miss Stimson also stated that it is very necessary for the five-year students to have their affiliation in Boston due to transportation and living arrangements.

MISS SOPHIE NELSON, JOHN HANCOCK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY as a member of the Nursing School Committee of Children's Hospital reported that they will have a public health nurse on the staff very soon who will be assigned to the O.P.D. and to integrate the social and health aspects of nursing in the basic curriculum. Miss Nelson also stated that it would be very poor practice for the schools to start following up O.P.D. cases in the homes as we already have three large nursing agencies visiting in the Boston homes at present.

MISS WEDGWOOD, BOSTON HEALTH DEPARTMENT reported that at present they are giving 1,828 hours monthly, to the students they take from the New England Deaconess Hospital, Simmons College and Massachusetts General Hospital. By adding to the supervising group in the department they may be able to take 2 more students weekly. No students are taken from about June 15 - September 15, as no substitutes are available for vacation relief. Miss Wedgwood also felt that it would be a great mistake for any more groups to start home visiting in Boston.

MISS GREGERSON, STATE APPROVING AUTHORITY OF SCHOOLS OF NURSING said that she has requests from schools all over Massachusetts wanting public health affiliations

in Boston. Melrose Red Cross Nursing Service has recently applied for approval as an affiliation for student nurses.

MISS NELSON stated that the Survey Committee of the Greater Boston Nursing Council have been given the job of preparing agencies to take students and also pointed out how many nurses there were in the private agency field in the Greater Boston area. She feels that there are great potentialities in the area provided we can get boards of directors in agencies to be willing to qualify to take students. We may not be able to wait for ideal situations, but we can use "honest situations." She also said that we should work out priorities, and should advise local visiting nurse associations not to tie up only with their local hospitals, but discuss their teaching and observation with the Nursing Council before making a formal arrangement after receiving approval from the State Board of Registration. She also felt one day of observation will be very confusing.

In general discussion which followed the question was asked "Is the agency going to gain anything from the student program?" There was a feeling that the student does stimulate the staff, but that the agency should decide what type of student is beneficial to it. Public agencies cannot receive money for teaching students as private agencies do. It was also brought out that although a one-day observation is very short, the student has no concept of what the hours are like and can get a lot in a day-especially if we work toward a good referral system. The question was also asked "What do we want most for our students--to see the patient in the home situation or to see the public health nurse in action and to learn public health nursing techniques?" It was felt that we want the student to do both.

MISS HENRIETTA LANDAU, U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE said that the situation for affiliation and observation is universal and that Boston has gone much further than other places in meeting the problem--especially in getting public health nurses on the hospital staffs. She felt that one day's observation is very helpful to a student with integration, but without it, it has no value. This should be early in the student's course. Miss Landau also brought out the point that 75% of the nurses employed in public health nursing are in official agencies and that official agencies must help more.

It was VOTED

1. That the next step for the committee to do was to get the public health instructors and educational directors of the public health nursing agencies together to discuss what should be taught to students and the educational director of the State Health Department.
2. That representatives from the boards and nurse directors in the public health nursing agencies in Greater Boston area should be brought together to stimulate them to be ready to take students.
3. That the chairman of this committee and the President of the Greater Boston Nursing Council should appoint a small committee to work out plan for allocation of students.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Dorothy Hayward, R.N.
Secretary

*A communication from Miss Martha Ruth Smith asks that certain corrections be made of that part of the minutes which refers to the Conference on Public Health Nursing Education held at Boston University. These corrections are enclosed for the members of the Committee who received the original minutes.

CORRECTIONS OF THAT PART OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
FEBRUARY 28, 1947 THAT REFERS TO THE BOSTON UNIVERSITY
CONFERENCE ON PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING EDUCATION HELD IN-

February 1947

Miss Smith, Dean of the Boston University School of Nursing writes:
"Since the nature of the conference was exploratory and informal, no votes were taken and no formal recommendations were made." The group was not recorded as having 'decided' anything either about priorities or the use of state department of health training centers in preparing public health nursing personnel, or any other matters discussed at the meeting." Therefore the minutes of the February 28th meeting of this Committee should not have recorded informal discussions at the Conference as "decisions" or recorded informal expressions of opinions given by the members of the Conference as the thinking of the group.

In a letter to the Chairman of this Committee, Miss Smith asks that the minutes be corrected in such a way that they will express the nature, purpose, and outcomes of the Conference. The nature of the Conference is given in the first paragraph of this correction.

The purpose of the Conference was stated in the invitation to the Conference as follows:

"In developing new programs to better serve nursing education needs in New England, Boston University is sponsoring a Regional Conference to determine more definitely what the needs are in relation to public health nursing education. The members of the group will be New England state public health nursing directors, federal health agency regional consultants, regional public health nursing course directors, and representatives of the agencies accepting students from these courses for field work practice."

Miss Smith writes, " The outcomes of the Conference were in terms of what are the next steps to be taken regionally in developing additional public health nursing education resources by those who can appropriately contribute to meeting these needs."

The Secretary and Chairman of this Committee regret that the minutes of the meeting of February 28th record informal discussion of the Boston University Conference as formal decisions.

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March 18, 1947

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Miss Martha Ruth Smith, R.N., Dean
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Dear Miss Smith:

Because I am chairman of the Special Committee of the Greater Boston Nursing Council to Consider Experience and Observation in Public Health Nursing for Graduate and Undergraduate Nurses, your letter to Miss Howland has been referred to me for reply.

Indeed something can be done to set straight the statements made in the minutes of the February 28th meeting of our committee relative to the Boston University conference on public health nursing. Of course the committee wishes the minutes of all meetings to be correct. Will you send me the corrections which should be made and they will be recorded in the next report that goes out to the members.

We expected that Miss Nelson would be at the meeting and would give us the high lights of the conference, but that morning she learned she could not attend. Miss Stimson came late and Miss Bowen was not present. This left Miss Howland to tell the Committee about the Conference without the help of these others in interpreting the discussion.

I do not know how much you know about the background of our interest in the Boston University Conference. It was at one of the early meetings of the Committee, when groping for help with the problems assigned to us, that Miss Bowen told us that Miss Connor would be coming to a conference at Boston University, at which would be discussed the preparations of public health nurses. Simultaneously, several expressed the opinion that such a conference would be a great deal of help to the thinking of the committee, in fact one member said that perhaps no definite policies should be formulated until we had the benefit of the discussions of that conference. It seemed fortunate indeed that another group was to consider this subject which is so vital to the interests of nursing in Boston, and that the thinking of both groups could be pooled. At this meeting of the committee, Miss Bowen was asked if she thought representatives from the Special Committee of the Greater Boston Nursing Council might be invited to attend that conference. Miss Bowen's reply was in the affirmative. Naturally Miss Bowen was not in a position to extend a definite invitation, and did not do so. So far as I know, no invitation was extended. Therefore I thought, and I presume others did, that you felt the group should not be larger, and since members of the Committee would be present, they could give the thinking of the Conference. It did not occur to us that the Conference was of a confiden-



Miss Martha Ruth Smith

tial nature. But the Committee does realize that, confidential or not, a report of it should be correct.

On the whole, the thinking at the Conference seemed to be very much like that of the Committee, and therefore very encouraging. I have gone over your letter paragraph by paragraph, and compared them with the minutes of the February meeting. It seems to me there are two major inaccuracies. The first is in the paragraph which reads..."it was decided"... Miss Bowen will tell you that I have had almost an obsession about using the phrases, "it might be wise," "we believe that," "it is our thinking", etc.; rather than making definite recommendations *at* this point of the discussion. Miss Howland may not have used the word "decided". As chairman, I should have made sure where the line was drawn between expression of opinion and declaration of policies. I had previously pointed out such lines of distinction. The other major inaccuracy is, I think, the statement that Boston University has received funds from the Kellogg Foundation to advance public health nursing in this area. I can readily see why an inaccurate record about that could prove embarrassing.

The opinion about the use of the State Department of Health Training Centers was of interest to the Committee because it was practically the only factor about which the opinion of the two groups differed.

The background for Miss Howland's opinion that the committee of the National Organization for Public Health Nursing, and the National League of Nursing Education may have changed relative to observation was not obtained at the Conference but through some other content.

Do you need to be concerned about the members of the Conference being committed to anything which is not in your official stenographic records?

As chairman of the Special Committee, I assure you that I regret that the minutes of the meeting of this committee held February 28th, 1947 recorded expressions of opinion given at the Boston University Conference on Public Health Nursing as decided policies. Again I assure you that if you will tell us in what areas you particularly wish the record set right, we shall be glad to make the corrections in a report that goes out to the members of the Committee, the group to whom the minutes originally were sent.

Sincerely yours,

Sally Johnson, R. N.
Chairman

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March 18, 1947

Miss Elizabeth Howland
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My dear Miss Howland:

I am sorry that my letter which I got to you on March 13, 1947 was not sufficiently explicit to indicate the corrections that were in order, regarding the data recorded as "CONFERENCE AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY," in the February 28, 1947 Minutes of the Special Committee of the Greater Boston Nursing Council to Consider Experience and Observation in Public Health Nursing for Graduates and Undergraduates, before those Minutes were accepted as circulated.

I infer from your answer to me on March 15 that the Minutes were not corrected. If I am in error on this point and they were corrected then this letter is not pertinent. Otherwise, I believe that in fairness to all concerned the following corrections should be made:

1. The Invitation to the Conference stated, "In developing new programs to better serve nursing education needs in New England Boston University is sponsoring a Regional Conference to determine more definitely what the needs are in relation to public health nursing education.

The members of the group will be New England States public health nursing directors, federal health agency regional consultants, regional public health nursing course directors, and representatives of the agencies accepting students from these courses for field work practice."

2. Invitations were issued to the foregoing members only because they were primarily concerned. Only one person not a member of any of the foregoing group was invited. That person was Miss Sophie Nelson.

3. The presentation of needs for public health nursing personnel both as to quantity and quality was made by the public health nursing director from each of the New England States. Miss Henrietta Landau and Miss Mary Maher presented certain data also.

4. The information relative to the nature of the present and

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and projected public health nursing education programs was presented by the public health nursing course directors from Yale University, University of Connecticut, and Simmons College, together with the possible future developments at the Harvard School of Public Health, as learned from a conference which Miss Connor, Miss Stimson and myself had with Dr. Hugh Leavell.

5. Reviewed and summarized were the additional resources needed for development in New England in public health nursing education, appropriate conditions under which these might be developed and the problems involved in developing these resources. All members of the conference group and Miss Mary Connor were discussants. Mrs. Leah Blaisdell Bryan as chairman led the discussion. who

6. Since the nature of the conference was exploratory and informal no votes were taken, nor formal recommendations made.

7. The outcomes of the conference were, ^{in terms of} next steps to be taken in developing additional public health nursing education resources for those who can appropriately contribute to meeting these needs.

Since we did not ask the conference group to make decisions or recommendations it seems unjustified to have the group recorded as having "decided" anything, either about "priorities" or the use of state department health training centers in preparing public health nursing personnel. It is quite in order for you to report what your impressions were of how the group were thinking about matters pertinent to the Special Committee considerations.

Sincerely yours,

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March 20, 1947

My dear Miss Johnson:

This letter is for you personally and is not a Committee affair.

Neither of my two letters to Miss Howland nor your letter to me deal with all the items of concern to us in the statements included in the Minutes of your Special Committee Report.

Whether Miss Howland has told you of my conversation by telephone with her before I wrote the first letter to her I do not know. She told me during this conversation that she did not know that Mrs. Heyward had called us in regard to the attendance of either you or her at the conference, and that we had regretfully said no. When Mrs. Heyward called Miss Bowen I instructed Miss Bowen to transmit the negative answer to Mrs. Heyward for the following reasons: 1st, we could not fairly include either of you when we had excluded others who had signified their wish to attend; and 2nd, because the discussion would deal with what further should be done in public health nursing education in New England and by whom, and with special reference to our School's place. Therefore, at that point it seemed that the conference did not concern the Greater Boston Community Nursing Council.

I think probably you did not know of this conversation between Miss Bowen and Mrs. Heyward or you would not have asked for a report on the Boston University Conference.

At this point it is my concern that the nature and purpose of the conference be accurately stated and what is ascribed to group thinking be justifiably represented. As I have written Miss Howland, it was entirely appropriate for her to give her impressions of what the trend in thinking was as the discussion pertained to the problems which your Committee is at present considering. The accompanying letter is a covering statement about the conference.

Very sincerely yours,

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The Sub-committee on Allocation has now made a plan by means of which the requested number of graduate nurses on the staffs of the schools may each secure one day's observation in a public health health nursing agency during the on-coming summer months. A sheet enclosed shows the plan.

Nurses from an indicated school will be assigned to the indicated district of the Visiting Nurse Association of Boston. A direct contact between the public health nurses on the staff of the school and the supervisor of the district seems to be the most effective way of carrying out the plan.

Everyone concerned will be surprised and delighted to see how nearly (on paper at least) the number of requested observations for graduate nurses balanced the number of available opportunities. Everyone realizes that the whole project is experimental and is prepared for rough going. If the past good sailing is indicative of the future, we should keep our courage.

But planning observations for the student body is extensive and far more difficult. It is for this reason that the Special Committee is calling a meeting of directors, educational directors, and public health nursing co-ordinators of the schools of nursing and representatives of the public health nursing agencies at the Massachusetts General Hospital, lower out-patient department amphitheatre, on Tuesday, June 24, at 3:00 p.m. The object of this meeting is to secure joint thinking on the subject before too many leave for vacations. Among the factors for discussion are: (1) the variation of numbers of students for observations, (2) their placement in the school (1st, 2nd, or 3rd year), and (3) the time of year when observations are desired in relation to courses in the curriculum.

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Miss Sally Johnson opened the meeting at 3:10 p.m. and gave a brief resume of what has been accomplished since the last meeting of the Sub-committee on Allocation which met on June 4, 1947. She pointed out the fact that the Visiting Nurse Association of Boston is assigning 130 head nurses, supervisors, and instructors to 12 district offices during this summer. Miss Bond then told the group that she had tried to assign the hospitals to specific districts which should be easier for the hospitals. She has also worked out a plan for each hospital giving them the exact dates they can have, the name of the supervisor in charge of the district with her telephone number, and directions for reaching the district.

After a general discussion of the one-day observation which began last week, it was definitely seen that all the nurses who participated were satisfied and appreciated this opportunity very much. Miss Larson stated that the nurses have had many questions as a result of their observation. Miss Gilmore stated that she had two nurses go to schools and two to the Visiting Nurse Association--these groups were supervisors and instructors and the observation has helped them in their teaching program. Miss Vesey also commented that her group was very enthusiastic.

Miss Johnson then brought up the question of cost. In other places, a charge of \$1.00 has been made. Miss Howland found it difficult to fix the figure, not knowing whether \$1.00 is too much or too little. Comments on this seemed to indicate that it will be possible to obtain the money from the students if the schools cannot obtain the amount necessary to meet this cost.

The directors of schools gave Miss Johnson a statement giving the time of year they could send students for observation. Miss Bond looked these over and observed that another chart could be drawn up from these which would be helpful in planning.

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Miss Johnson asked about the placement of the observation in the three year course and wanted to know when it would be most valuable. The members of the committee gave their individual opinions. It varied between the last part of the first year and the third year.

Mrs. Hayward discussed the American Hospital Association recruitment program under the sponsorship of the Advertising Council. She explained in detail what the Greater Boston Nursing Council's recruitment plan had been and what was being done in the present campaign. Those present seemed optimistic about their fall enrollment. Miss Gregerson of the approving authority reported that the number of credentials being received at the State House greatly exceeds those of last year.

It was decided that this committee would not meet again until a much later date.

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DOROTHY S. HAYWARD, R.N.
Secretary

